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
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Radar in Space

1. A recent breakthrough by Goodyear Aircraft now gives side scanning radar a maximum range of 200 miles on either side of its vehicle.

2. It has been conceived that a satellite with inflatable antennas could be constructed which would inflate its radar antennas after going into orbit. The satellite could carry both side-scanning and a sector scan radar. The side scanner antennas could be made of mylar tubes as long as desired and could be extended by an inert gas. See Enclosure (1). The sector scan antenna could be handled in a similar manner to the side scanner antenna. See Enclosure (2).

3. Such a system of recording images would be neither diurnally limited nor would the effects of cloud cover decrease its capability. This system lends itself to automation and registering changes as described in the memo dated 3 March 1959, subject: Meeting with

 In addition, geodetic information as described by  could be obtained from this system. It is therefore recommended that the possibilities of such a system be studied for future employment.

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Enclosures:

- 1 - Diagram of Side Scanner Antenna
- 2 - Diagram of Dish Antenna